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# HASTINGS LAW REUSE

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## Differential Fees to Be Refunded!

Mary Lou  
AUNT CURE?

In a shocking new development, the Hastings Board of Directors, Administration and Faculty have unanimously voted to begin offering a rebate to all currently enrolled students. According to Dean Mary Kay Kane, "Once the new rankings came out, we feared a student revolt unless we did something. And frankly, they don't pay me enough for that."

Hastings keeps dropping in the rankings while UCLA and Davis have not only gone up, but soared over the new Hastings spot. A group of faculty members, afraid that the slipping rankings would make them look bad, called in a set of high-priced experts immediately after hearing about what they are now calling the Hastings Doldrums.

Those experts, after several hours of intense deliberation, investigation and thoughtful eating, were able to allay the faculty members' concerns. "Don't worry, no one outside of California cares which UC school you work at," said eminent educational guru Ernest Winkler. "Besides, most of



Students dance in joy on the Beach after learning of the Rebate.

you work at Boalt or Golden Gate anyway, so just highlight that on your resumes!"

However, in exchange for free coffee refills, the experts agreed to pinpoint one area of potential student concern. As Winkler put it, "Back when you were in the top 25, students had some rationale they could use to delude themselves into thinking that it was worth it to pay the outrageous San Francisco cost of living for three years while attending law school. Now that Davis and UCLA are better schools, you're going to start losing applicants to them."

Ever mindful of the importance of maintaining enough accounts receivable to fund her salary, Dean Kane was dismayed to learn of Winkler's findings. A reliable source overheard her exclaim, "My God! Imagine me, stuck here as head of this pathetic school. I wonder if they're hiring at Columbia!"

After a series of beer-and-pizza bashes, the faculty, experts and Kane were able to come up with a plan to increase the attractiveness of Hastings despite the continual downside in prestige. "We have

finally decided to accept full responsibility for this slippery slope," said Kane. "The students have a right to get what they pay for, and we charge far more than any of the other public, third tier schools. Therefore, starting with the 1996-97 school year, we are giving a rebate to all students, based on our ranking."

The rebate will be based on a simple formula. Any time Hastings falls below number 25 on the US World and News Report ranking, students will receive money back from the infamous differential fee. Each place from 26 through 50 will result in a \$100 rebate per student; below that point the entire fee will be refunded. "We agonized over this decision for minutes on end, but finally decided that the students shouldn't pay a differential fee unless their education will actually make a difference in their income potential," said Academic Dean Leo Martinez.

Student reaction to the news is expected to be generally positive. One first-year student from section three who wishes to remain anonymous noted, "Wow! Maybe now I can afford to buy a new set of underwear for fall!" His section

mates likely share his enthusiasm.

When asked how the faculty and administration could be paid with so much money being returned to the students, Dean Kane gave a two-prong response. "First, most of us have other talents. For instance, I have landed a weekend gig as lounge singer at the Great Escape cabaret. Second, we have decided to replace the grade curve with good old-fashioned sucking up and bribery." Kane believes that the most popular professors will actually see an increase in their net income under the new system. As to the fate of the others, she noted that the administration was considering allowing the less popular (and soon to be poorer) professors to stay in the Tower and eat at the Law Cafe in exchange for teaching "Room and board, and a chance to live in the heart of a thriving metropolis. What more do they want?"

The new rebate system will be instituted with the 1997-98 school year. The amount of the annual rebate will be based on the ranking from the previous year. This fall, then, the rebate will put \$2000 back into the pockets of Hastings students. Spend it wisely!

## 2M Denizens Make Hostile Takeover Bid

The Count

RESIDENT BLACKSUCKER

Dean Kane vanished over the weekend, and a mysterious communiqué was stuffed under the door of the Hastings Law News. Oddly enough, the communiqué is addressed to the Associated Students of Hastings.

However, the recent change in the name of the local student government, combined with the unfamiliar environs the authors found themselves in when delivering the communiqué probably caused the authors to just drop it off with an organization that looked familiar.

This communiqué, written by a group referring to itself as the "2M group" named several grievances.

First, the group indicated it was tired of having to wait for the world's slowest elevators in order to get to their offices.

Second, the group wants the floors in the 198 building remodeled to accurately reflect which floor is which.

Apparently, the group believes that an office on the fourth floor would be more prestigious than an office on the 2M floor.

The group also voiced frustration with students and faculty members' inability to find the 2M floor.

Given the group's frustration with its current location, it's members decided to kidnap the Dean. Apparently, this was intended to force the Dean to actually come to the 2M floor.

## Grade Scandal Perps Arrested

Bert

ART ROOMMATE

Police arrested five Hastings' first-years today in connection with the grade scandal that shocked students and faculty at the beginning of this semester. Dud Lee Dork, Ark Yam Stupid,

Upon getting her there, the group chose to keep her there and assume control of the school.

The 2M group has announced as its first goal to restore Hastings to its proper ranking among the U.S. News and World Report surveys. After that, the group plans to lobby vigorously for a law mandating that beer be made solely with barley, hops, yeast and water.

In a brief statement, the Records office indicated that it expected that faculty, staff and students would not notice any changes.

Bhig Bluffoon, Reel E. Nosey and Zoupr R. Schneak were indicted in San Francisco yesterday for conspiracy and blackmail. If found guilty, each student may serve up to 20 years in prison.

According to the police, Dork, Stupid, Bluffoon, Nosey and Schneak concocted their plan after learning of the poor grades they received on their first-semester exams. Knowing that they would never succeed as lawyers, Dork and his companions turned to a life of crime instead.

In a midnight raid on the Records office, Schneak and Nosey obtained the exam numbers of the other section 4 students. The five then told each of their section mates that their grades would be revealed unless Dork and his gang were paid \$500 for each grade. Those students who could not immediately pay the cash were forced to accept an assignment of one of the gang

member's student loans. At the time of the arrests, the five had collected well over \$20,000 through their illicit activities.

Police first learned of the blackmail through an anonymous tip to the Tenderloin Task Force, located down the street from the school. The note began: "I have tried everything, and you are my last salvation. The administration laughed in my face when I told them about it, and now I feel my life is in danger. Police made the arrests while Section 4 was attending Professor Dodge's Contracts class. Classmates cheered wildly as the five were shackled."

"Their reign of terror has ended at last!" yelled one student.

When asked to comment on the arrests, Academic Dean Brian Gray said, "well, I don't know if what they did was against any Hastings regulation. (Dork and the others) are certainly welcome to continue as students here."

# ASH Takes the Initiative (Finally) and Acquires New Lands for Hastings

**Ernie**  
AVIARY COLLECTOR

The Tenderloin has turned into a demilitarized zone. Following

Dean Martinez's announcement that Hastings would adversely possess Em's Place, Wild Awakenings and the little deli because they were "in the way," ASH also leapt into action—For once.

Perhaps spurred on by an especially stirring speech given by not-quite-president-elect Scott Kuhn, or perhaps because of too much beer on the Beach pear cider, the class reps and executive officers paraded down Hyde Street to the bay, where they commandeered a vessel and attempted to invade Treasure Island.

"We thought Cuba at first," said one of the reps. "You know, cigars. But when we found out how far away it was we had to change plans." Apparently, the travel time would have kept desperate student government

members off campus during the two days Career Services is planning to hold Fall OCI (a little late), as well as a new seminar "You, Your Job Search and You

without some serious fist-slaking and random posturing.

When reached for comment, Dean Martinez said a number of things, most of which contradicted each other. "Rock Chalk

ASUCK defended the attempted annexation. "Treasure Island means, you know, buried treasure," they wrote in a press release. "We were just trying to get some dough to buy a better ranking. Or a reputation. Or some effectiveness. Or something." The student organization cited the recent budgetary cuts in the military and the Navy's general ineffectiveness as two contributing motivations for the action, which represents the first tangible thing ASK has done all year.

Statements made by Vice President in charge of Idiocy Rafael Aguirre-Sacasa, however, indicate there may have been other reasons. In a deep background interview, Aguirre-Sacasa claimed that president Elaine Paplos was to blame and that he knew the number to her Swiss bank account to prove it. "We'd follow Elaine off a cliff, we're that devoted to her," added an unnamed third year rep.

When reached for comment, the guy on the corner said, "You gonna give me the dollar or what?"



ASH Reps down SPED Riot gear for their invasions of the Tenderloin and Treasure Island.

Self-Esteem: Learning to Feel, Learning to Binge."

The move was condemned by the United Nations, applauded by the whole Property department, and was met with confusion on the part of the U.S. Navy, who told ADD to go home upon their arrival. Persuaded by the cannons pointed their way, ASSKISS passed resolution 96-45 which may have said something, but not

Jayhawk," he moaned. "There is no God if Syracuse is in the final four."

Section one supported the invasion wholeheartedly, since it would ostensibly give them someplace to go. In a statement released and written by their reps, section one again claimed existence, despite the fact that nobody has ever seen them.

## Hastings' Tele-Thon

**Bert**  
BUDDY AND PAL

In their latest effort to obtain funding, the 1066 Foundation has announced plans for a Televised Phone-A-Thon. "Our current method of telephone solicitations just hasn't trained enough money," director Suzanne Needles said. The Phone-Tel-A-Thon will be televised live, and feature such guests as Jerry Lewis and the Cross Man.

"We chose Jerry because he is just such a great Tel-A-Thon guy. I mean you think Tel-A-Thon, and you think Jerry," said Needles.

Hastings students are familiar with the Cross Man as a regular of the area surrounding the school, who parades up and down McAllister in his wheelchair, adorned with crucifix on every possible spot on his body. Cross Man is also quite well known to female students, who have often been the subject of his intense and unwavering stare through the front windows at Wild Awakenings.

"What few people know is that John (the Cross Man) makes quite an excellent emcee," Needles explained. "Even fewer people know that he is a former Hastings student. He was a straight A student until taking Torts with Professor Walsh, where he got a C minus. After that, he went stark raving mad, screaming about the arbitrariness of life."

Faculty have been recruited to entertain at the event. Dean Mary Kay Kane has volunteered dance a hula, clad in only a grass skirt and coconut shells, while Professor Hutton offered to demonstrate the skills that made him a yo-yo champion. For comic relief, Professor Wang will perform a stand-up routine consisting of jokes and puns on the subject of Corporations.

The 1066 Foundation is currently seeking commercial sponsors for the event. According to Needles, Professor Massey has contacted them about doing an infomercial on his weight loss technique. The information is planned to feature before and after pictures of the professor, as well as a live demonstration of his method. Massey has refused to reveal exactly what his method is, although rumor has it that they key exercise is to ride on an exercise bicycle wearing no shirt, no socks, and no shoes.

# Doogie and Dodge Actually the Same Person

**Big Bird**  
IN ALMOST DONE

Professor Ashutosh "Doogie" Bhagwat, in an effort to obtain his Miata, is posing as two professors. According to a reliable source, who has seen Bhagwat undergo his transformation, the professor uses a CIA disguise kit to alter his appearance.

Bhagwat apparently obtained the disguise kit when he was in Washington, D.C., clerking for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Justice Kennedy, while speaking on campus, was asked about Bhagwat's scheme. "Bhagwat? I had a clerk named Bhagwat? Oh, I remember, that

was the kid whose mommy used to bring him to work. He wasn't old enough to drive, you know."

Bhagwat devised his clever scheme in an effort to obtain a second teaching position at Hastings. "Hey, without the extra income, there's no way I could afford my Miata," Bhagwat said.

"When I heard the school needed another Contracts teacher, I jumped at the chance," Bhagwat explained. "I got out the old disguise kit and went in for the interview."

"It was easier than I expected since the administration really doesn't check references or

degrees. They figure that all lawyers are trustworthy."

Students became suspicious of the arrangement when the Dodge version of Bhagwat recommended that students look at Bhagwat's old exams.

"I missed Dodge's class one day, so I went to Bhagwat to make it up," one student explained. "It was eerie how similar they were. I mean, they both fidget with their hands and I swear I have seen Dodge twist his rings."

"Even their names are similar — Doogie, Dodge? I know, Doogie's not really his name. But, it is interesting that Dodge

didn't arrive on the scene until after Bhagwat was given the nickname," commented a second year student who had Bhagwat for Contracts and now has Dodge for International Business Transactions. "I think it's too coincidental and the Administration should have figured it out sooner."

"We don't see any school policies that Bhagwat or Dodge or whoever he is has violated," Assistant Academic Dean Brian Gray said. "He, or they, or whatever, will be allowed to continue teaching here. I mean, we're 45, can it really hurt?"

Rafael Fortier was unavailable for comment.





# Trivia Bowl Fraud Under Investigation

Harry Monster

WRITER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Investigators for the Hastings Gaming Commission are examining allegations that master of ceremonies Andrew Herman fixed the outcome of the Trivia Bowl in return for cash and favors from the administration. The event, which took place on March 20 in the Louis B. Mayer Lounge, was tainted by two irregularities.

Early in the contest Herman denied students an opportunity to answer a question which the faculty had missed, depriving them of a potential 10 points, according to Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. The Hastings Gaming Commission has requested that Rehnquist head the panel investigating possible irregularities.

Of greater concern, the Justice said, was the unauthorized "hint" which Herman gave the faculty near the end of the contest. With the score tied, the faculty appeared stumped by a question concerning the origin of the *Intolerable Acts*. Herman hinted "It was a



Andrew Herman, disguised as a member of the 65 Club, receives his payoff from Professor Evan Lee, disguised as a local shopkeeper

Revolutionary War event." With this prompting, Dean Brian Gray was able to correctly answer, "the Boston Tea Party."

Gray denied any impropriety stating, "I knew the answer before Herman said anything. I may be just an environmental law professor, but that doesn't mean I'm completely clueless."

The "Rehnquist Commission" is focusing on three areas of concern. First, Hasting's "black budget," a fund normally reserved for top secret functions, is showing a new \$6 million deficit. Through the Freedom of Information act, the *Law News* has also learned that all of Herman's spring 1996 grades have already been posted

as A+'s. Finally, Dean Martinez announced yesterday that due to a "calculation error at the Records office," the administration recently discovered that Herman is actually the 1996 Class Valedictorian.

Dean Gray stated that the \$6 million shortfall had actually gone into a new surveillance satellite designed to spy on top schools like Davis and McGeorge, in an attempt to ascertain how they are dealing ranking spots from Hastings. As for the grades and the records error, Gray explained, "He's smart kid, he finished his exams early and you know records, they're always screwing up."

Herman, a 3L, was contacted at his new villa in Monaco where he is reportedly starting his own Grand Prix racing team. Through his press secretary he issued this statement: "I have done nothing wrong in hosting and administering the trivia bowl. Frankly, I was disappointed in the

weak student team which was selected. I know that Chisholm fellow pretty well and always thought he was bit slow. As for my new-found wealth, I have recently started an olive oil company which is flourishing. Consequently, I elected to complete my classes on an out-of-class basis. As for the records error, you know records, they're always screwing up."

Student Captain Richard Chisholm stated, "I know in my heart of hearts that it was fixed. This was my one and only chance at glory and Herman stole it from me."

The Commission will be holding hearings in the next month and expects to issue a report within six months. Herman has been subpoenaed but cited a conflict with an expedition he is mounting to climb Mount Everest. "They can try and extradite me if they want," he said. "But I'm never coming back."

In a possibly related story, Gray, who has been missing since the Trivia Bowl, reportedly was spotted last weekend in Austria with pop diva Madonna.

## Hastings Now Ranks #1

Elmo

EMMY AWARD WINNER

A recent survey ranked Hastings College of the Law as the Best Law School in the country. Despite the low ranking given by *U.S. News and World Report*, Hastings was placed in the top three in all the categories considered. The name of the survey is generally available to the public, but we didn't write it down because we were laughing too hard about the first part.

Sources at Boalt Law School and Stanford Law School, two schools that most in the legal profession consider as the premiere law schools in the Bay Area, dismiss the study, cite numerous biases that gave Hastings the highest ranking.

The key areas that the survey focused on were academics, reputation of the school, job placement, community, and student satisfaction. These areas are consistently used by all publications as factors in considering what was the best law school.

In determining the score for academics and quality of teaching, researchers relied on an objective

standard rather than subjective standards, as well as navigational instruments and a Magic 8-Ball. In particular, the researchers used age as a crucial factor for aggregating the legal experience of the faculty. With the 65 Club, Hastings beat out everyone including Harvard. Harvard claimed this was unfair, since all of its dead faculty should count because they were so smart. Another measure was bar passage results. Since researchers used gross number of students that actually passed the bar within five years of graduation, Hastings did especially well, due to Dean Kane's master plan of having a large law school that churns out hundreds of lawyers a year.

For the reputation of the school, judges, lawyers, and law students were asked to identify the law school that came to mind for a particular attribute or word. Hastings' words were "cut-throat," "competitive" and "peer crier." When asked for comment, an unidentified researcher said, "Yeah, peer crier is two words, but it is apropos."

Surprisingly, Hastings won big in the job placement category. However, the *Law News* has since

discovered that Dean Kane lied on the questionnaire. When reached for comment Dean Kane said, "Well, they didn't say what kind of job, and I know for a fact that several of our graduates got jobs at area liquor stores and check-cashing facilities." The mean security guard in the Tower refused to comment.

The community category was added this year. The purpose of the category was to award those schools whose communities were conducive to the practice of law. Although schools located in major cities such as New York and Los Angeles received high rankings, Hastings came out on top because of its location in San Francisco's lovely Tenderloin giving it proximity to government and court buildings, as well as drug deals and prostitution.

The group that put together the study has been praised for its innovative way in assessing law schools in America. Editors at *U.S. News and World Report* have approached the group about some of the factors used and have tentatively agreed to incorporate some of those factors into next year's report.

## ASUCH: The Meeting

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semester, the council had a resolution requiring a two-thirds vote for consideration of emergency resolutions, maybe. No one was quite sure. Eventually, several members of the council went down to the ASH office and retrieved the ASH Constitution. The ASH Constitution has an (identical) provision to last semester's resolution, requiring a two-thirds vote for consideration of emergency motions. Thus, the failure to achieve two-thirds (16 yes) votes eliminated this motion from the meeting. That, and everyone finally understood that last semester's two-thirds resolution was duplicative of the Constitution at best. Of course, it was pointed out that the Vice President had discretion to do something along the lines of this motion anyway.

Motion 96-16 called for tabling until the next meeting the discussions on how to make ASH elections more effective. This passed overwhelmingly.

Finally, in a grand culmination to 2-1/2 hours of productivity, a

motion was made to have a new election. In addition to the problems with the presidential race, past election procedures were not followed, and some candidates were effectively left off of the ballot for the 2nd year representative position. This motion touched off even more enjoyable debate, and eventually passed when it became clear that some current members of ASH were denied the opportunity to participate next year due to the irregularities.

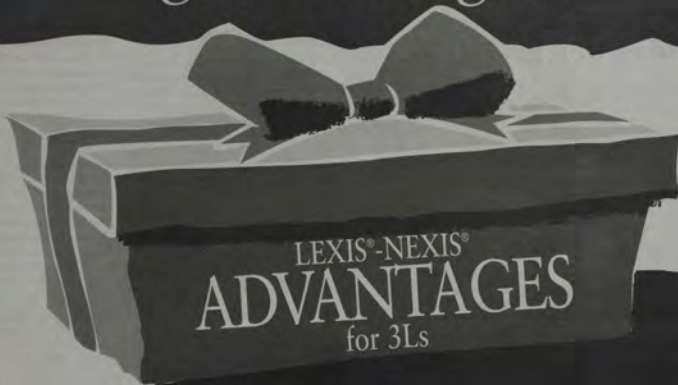
In the aftermath of this, at about 10:00 P.M., a motion was made to consider another amendment to allow for a co-presidency. This motion also failed, though it was probably precluded by the earlier failed motion anyway.

Final announcements included that candidate statements are due by April 5 and the election will be on April 10 and 11.

So, it's not really ASUCH, it's ASH, because that election they ran just doesn't count.

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# OPINION

## En Banc

**Due to the ongoing  
problem of student  
apathy, nobody  
bothered to write  
an en banc,  
knowing it would  
not be read  
anyway.**

To: ASH, ASUCH, Or  
Whomever You  
Are This Month  
From: Students Against  
Pompous Sputtering

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Students Against Pompous Sputtering (SAPS) that the Student Governmental-type body of this here fine school do show and present a remarkable inability to set forth unto the aforementioned student body any new concepts without an inordinate amount of puffery;

WHEREAS such written documents are posted where anybody off the streets can come in and see them;

WHEREAS the rest of us were taught in Legal Writing and Research that terminology once considered appropriately scholarly is now considered a pain in the collective gluteus maximus and an indication of an unduly increased and hyper-inflated sense of self-worth;

WHEREAS such language therefore can be seen as one more attempt to distance the individual and collective selves of the aforementioned Student Governmental-type body from any ability to actually write in clear English (or any other language, for that matter);

WHEREAS many members of the student body have come to us, the SAPS, and requested that we attempt to halt this practice by said Student Governmental-type body, thereby causing it to cease and desist from thusly murdering the language by twisting it into a pretzel;

WHEREAS we, the SAPS, do and truly believe that English common law must ultimately be based on actual users of the

English language being able to actually understand what is being set forth;

THEREFORE we now and henceforth request, demand, ask, call for, beg, pray, require, entreat and petition,

THAT the Student Governmental-type body and all lesser (though equally deserving) Student Group-type Institutions,

DO HERETOFORE, forthwith, and from this point onward stop, cease, desist, discontinue, refrain, terminate, leave off, and/or lay off with the stupid practice of making petitions similar to the one at hand,

WHICH REQUEST, petition, etc., applies to any and all Proclamations, Declarations, Announcements, Professions, Confessions, Revelations, Indications, Arguments, Demonstrations, Allegations, and Certifications set forth by the offending Student Groups and Governmental-type bodies.

Attention All First Year Professors:

We, the class of 1998 realize that we lost our ball sometime between the first day of class and the first student/faculty ice-cream social. It has become apparent to us in class that you have our ball and are hiding it from us. Some of you are quite open and notorious about hiding the ball from us. Having paid full tuition, we have title to the ball; however, you have continuous adverse possession of it. Although we have asked numerous questions about it and for its return in class, you have not returned it to us. Since there are no registries for lost legal educations, except for the unemployment lines and we posted a note there, too; this note has been sent in a manner reasonably calculated to give you notice. Sincerely, Christopher Darden Counsel for the Class of 1998

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"From laughter comes happiness"

## ASH, Not ASUCH

**The Count**  
POLITICAL REAN COUNTER

The following is a summary of an actual ASH meeting held on March 18th. (We couldn't make this stuff up if you paid us.)

Call to order of the meeting of the Associated Students of U.C. Hastings occurred at 7:05 P.M. Sometime shortly after that, everyone sat down and got down to business.

First on the agenda came amendments to the meeting minutes from the prior meeting, during which several misquotations and spelling errors were resolved.

Following approval of the minutes, the Career Services committee presented their findings and recommendations. Results of their surveys were close to 100% complete, including both fact-finding and analysis. The committee handed out an outline of their proposed report and indicated they would summarize that outline in the next few minutes. The committee then proceeded to discover the outline with special attention to any number of details that either they considered important or ASH reps asked about, thereby interpreting the concept of summarization to mean literally reading a document.

Following that, the normally mundane procedure of Officer Reports started. Initially, President Elaine Paplos turned the meeting over to Irina Tensler for a discussion of the recent recruiting efforts by BarPassers and BarBri. Apparently BarPassers offered Bar courses to members of Journals for \$500.00 and free courses to readers of Journals. True to capitalistic form, BarBri responded with a matching offer. To appease other students, BarBri offered applications for academic scholarships, and BarPassers indicated similar applications are available in their office.

This presentation led to a less than friendly exchange between ASH reps who are BarBri reps and ASH reps who are BarPassers reps, setting the tone for most of the meeting. Ultimately, the decision was made to have Tensler draft a letter with Cyril Yu explaining the situation so that all Hastings students could get annoyed about the whole thing. This was motion 96-10. Motions 96-1 through 96-7 had been offered during previous meetings (about 5) this semester. By the end of the night, the Council would vote on whether to consider motion 96-18.

Given the exciting report offered by Paplos, all eyes were on Rafael Aguirre-Sacasa for the Vice-President's report. Would he be able to match Paplos' performance? Aguirre-Sacasa announced that ASUCH was the new name of ASH, and that the HPILF \$5 fee increase failed. He then announced that contrary to Paplos' introduction of Scott Kuhn as President-elect, an run-off was needed. Kuhn received a plurality but not a majority of the votes. Since there were three candidates, the candidates should have been ranked by the voters, and the votes for the third place candidate would then have been transferred to those candidates ranked second on the third place ballots. However, the ballots said "Choose one" rather than "Rank the candidates" and Hastings students demonstrated incredible comprehension skills by simply choosing one candidate for president.

Since the election had constitutional problems anyway, Kuhn and Edward Streets proposed that they share the presidency. This required a constitutional interpretation on the part of the ASH council. After much debate, a motion, 96-11 was proposed interpreting the presidency as a single person and authorizing a run-off between the top two vote-getters. This motion passed.

Next the meeting went to the External Vice President's report, and David Fisher provided a concise and uncontroversial report of his office's activities. No one seemed upset by the lack of entertainment value at this point. Then came Michelle Hootnick's report on Community Affairs which also lacked fireworks. Again, no one seemed displeased.

Old Business reared its ugly head in the form of two motions. Motion 96-8 dealt with an appropriation of \$300 by ASH to the 3rd Year Class Party, and was amended to make \$300 the standard appropriation. This passed. Then came motion 96-9

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which asked the administration to remove the Wailing Wall and use some other system for reporting grades. The vote on whether to end debate on this motion passed, but the motion itself failed. Given that the students requested the Wailing Wall a mere six or so years ago, the Administration will undoubtedly be pleased by the consistency in the student voice.

Next came motion 96-13, an emergency motion regarding Day of Open Minds. Unfortunately for

the organizers, the council voted not to consider this motion. For those keeping score, motion 96-12 failed after seeing all of the rancor during the bar course discussion.

The discussion on school rankings was tabled until the next meeting, due to the late hour.

Next came more discussion of elections. This was originally intended to be a discussion for how to improve the elections for next year. That just was not going to happen. A motion was made to

propose a Constitutional amendment allowing for a co-presidency. This motion (96-14) did not pass.

Following that, a motion was made to have a letter written to the student body explaining just what happened in the election. The council voted 15 yes, 6 no, and 3 abstentions to consider this motion. That would seem to indicate that yes, the council would consider the motion. However, last

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# FEATURES

## Restaurant Review

# Come for the Bathroom, Stay for the Food!

### The Count

"COUNTING ROOM" DENZEL

Take 101 South. About 7 hours. Switch to the 405, I know they all look the same down there, but make sure you get on the 405 freeway, not one of the other ones. Drive for another hour. It's only about 15 miles, but this is L.A. Take one of those exits down there, drive for another half hour (about 1 mile) and you're at Nouria Cafe.

Now, go to the bathroom. You walk in, close the door, and you see that every wall in the bathroom is completely mirrored. The effect is pretty frightening. Infinite reflections in all directions of you using the bathroom. This gives a whole new meaning to the phrase "performance anxiety."

Should you get past the mirror effect, you may notice the rest of the facility. The toilet paper has a fine, smooth, soft consistency. The real faucet and sink fixtures are pleasing to the eye, and feature both hot and cold running water. The reflections of the faucet and sink are a bit annoying, but they do not interfere with your ability to wash your hands. The restaurant does provide soap in a functioning dispenser, something we can not say of all modern restaurants. The paper towels are fairly plain and common, but, on the other hand, do appear to be made of recycled paper.

All in all, the bathroom has all of the most modern features, with the additional mirrors thrown in for an eclectic effect.

Should you choose to actually order food, I recommend the gyros. However, the best thing available comes with most of the entrees, and that is hummus. Additionally, the desserts, such as baklava, are excellent. If you want really good food though, I suggest getting into your car and driving another hour to the McDonald's half a block down the street.

## Book Review

# It Will be Obvious Once You Read It

Mary Lou

WRITER EXTRAORDINAIRE

The venerated think-tank group Doctrines of Legal Thinking (DOLT) has finally gone to press with its latest effort, the eagerly anticipated *Restatement (2nd) of the Obvious*. A spokesperson for DOLT announced today that the new edition was a drastic change from the *Restatement (1st)*. Updates include an entire section on client relations, and "a new, 90's look at the personal behavioral and grooming habits of law students at the Top Twenty schools," according to Inna Suer, founder of DOLT.

The first edition, long used by law professors, students and Hollywood producers, has been out of print - and out of favor - for nearly fifteen years. Not entirely coincidentally, this is the same length of time that Suer was in state prison serving time on a series of extortion, bribery and tax evasion convictions. Upon her release, Suer noted that an entire generation of legal thinkers would be missing out if DOLT didn't re-formulate this valuable compendium of information. She commented, "Too many of these young minds are going through the law school process so intent on finding deeper meaning that they're missing the obvious. Besides, I need some new furniture!"

To pique interest in the new release, DOLT has allowed us to reprint some of the more interesting sections (see below). As Suer said, "Hey, it's only \$19.95 and you'll find it gets a heck of a lot more useful information out of it than most of the IL textbooks. Buy it!"

Selected Excerpts from the *Restatement (2nd) of the Obvious*: Chapter 1 - Meaning of Reality

#1. Reality is what you lived in before you took the LSAT.

(1) Life as you knew and loved it, is over.

(2) Deal with it.

#7. Anyone coming out of an Ivy League or Top Twenty school never lived in Reality anyway.

(1) They will self-combust the first time they get a C or lose a case.

(a) Never sit near them, in class or in court. (It can get messy.)

Chapter 7 - Life in Law School

#73. Ashhole bingo is most likely to be played by people who can least afford to alienate their

peers. In order to promote cohesion and solidarity amongst each group, seating charts should place the Players in the rear of the room so that they can pursue their activity undistracted by the class proceedings.

(1) Class proceedings should include, but not be limited to, a "special day" each week when the professor engages in intense Socratic debate with one Player.

(a) Other Players should use this as a "bonus day," with \$1 paid into the kitty by the selected Player for every answer she gets wrong.

(f) Exceptions will be made for Property instructors who use the infamous Spiral Question. In those instances, if the selected Player has the audacity and presence of mind to explain calmly that Property Law is actually more like a spatial anomaly, then all other Players must immediately pay him/her \$10 each.

#76. All students must sit next to at least one disgusting, smelly or clueless classmate during their first year. The actual fat, smelly or clueless person(s) will never know how offensive she is.

(b) Additional penance during the second and third year is optional.

(a) Despite your best intentions and good faith, your personal deity will not reward you in the afterlife for having done this extra penance.

(b) Because of the experience level assumed in the second and third year, no complaining should be tolerated regarding optional penance.

(2) Sitting in the Bingo Players row does not count towards your cumulative total.

Chapter 12 - Finding A Job

#115. Career Services is a good source of neither.

#121. Your professors are unlikely to guide and encourage you to pursue a legal teaching career, since they really don't need the competition, thank you.

(1) Tenured professors are, for obvious reasons, exempt from this section.

#137. Finding a job is easy.

#138. Finding a job as a lawyer is an entirely different story.

(1) No one will ever mention this in the school tour or brochure.

(2) Unless you want to work at a really big firm with initials like PMS, you will find little useful assistance from your school. (See #115.)

(a) Even if you do want to work

at a really big firm, you probably won't survive OCL.

(b) It helps if you're related to an influential politician, school official or major alumni donor.

(f) Try to arrange this before birth, or at the latest, before you send in your applications.

Chapter 22 - Rankings

#201. In the real world, the name of a school bears little relation to the quality of its graduates.

(1) You no longer live in the real world. (See Chapter 1.)

(2) If you go to a Top Twenty school, you will get all the really good jobs.

(a) If you go to a Bottom 100 school, you will have to scramble for the leftovers.

(3) Tuition, however, will remain similar regardless of your chance to find work.

(a) Eventually you will earn enough to justify the cost of law school, and pay back your loans.

(f) The following year, you will retire.

#202. As your law school deans & professors will tell you, giving personal class rankings is degrading and probably meaningless. Therefore, these rankings will be done on an annual basis.

Chapter 31 - Life as a Lawyer

#310. Your paralegal and/or legal secretary will know more than you for at least the first year you are in practice.

(1) Secretaries control the world.

(a) Be nice to them or pay the price.

#317. The managing partner is ALWAYS right.

(1) Questioning this rule will put you back in Chapter 12.

#318. Sucking up is always appropriate. Compliment the partners, secretaries and paralegals often.

(1) But only on how gifted, witty, brilliant or competent they are.

(2) Everything else counts as sexual harassment.

#348. There are a limited number of partnership slots available at any given firm.

(1) Other associates are the enemy, or, uh, competition.

(a) Remain in CYA mode any time you are in the office.

(f) If you have paid attention to #310 and #318, you will have help doing this. If not, you are screwed.



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